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TO: Lowell Braxton, Acting Director

THRU: Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining *mon*

THRU: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *DWH*

FROM: Anthony A. Gallegos, Senior Reclamation Specialist *aa*

RE: Request for Approval of Reclamation Surety Changes. Great Salt Lake Minerals and Chemicals Company (GSLM). Little Mountain Plant. M/057/002. Weber County, Utah

The Minerals Regulatory Program seeks the Director's approval of the amount and form of replacement reclamation surety provided by GSLM for the Little Mountain Plant, located in Weber County, Utah. The surety amount was recently changed due to a change in surety company by GSLM. The old surety was a letter of credit with Bank of Boston for \$272,400 which the Division had estimated in terms of year 2000 dollars. The Division has escalated the old surety amount to the new figure of \$298,900 in terms of year 2002 dollars. GSLM has provided the Division with a replacement letter of credit [REDACTED] with Bank of Boston for this escalated amount.

Under the current Division Policy and Procedures for Release of Reclamation Surety and Surety Changes (effective September 24, 1997) acceptance of one or more of the following surety changes has been delegated to the Division Director:

- A. A change in surety company.
- B. A change in the amount of surety due to an escalation adjustment.
- C. A change in the name of the operator due to corporate restructuring.

This GSLM surety qualifies for conditions A and B of this policy. There has been no change in the form of surety.

Enclosed for your review are copies of the following documents:

1. Reclamation surety estimate
2. Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC)
3. Reclamation Surety (Letter of Credit)

If you are in agreement with accepting this surety under the terms of this policy please route the original copy of these documents for the appropriate signatures. If you are not in agreement with the acceptance of these documents please inform me of our next course of action. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.